

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

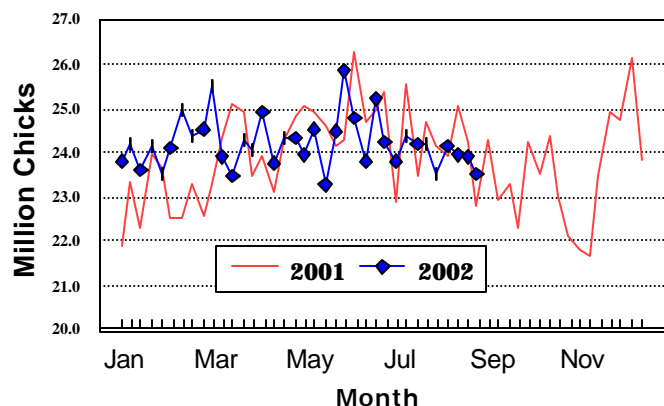
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.5 million during the week ending September 7, 2002. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001, but down 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 7, 2002 were 872.0 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.5 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.0 percent.

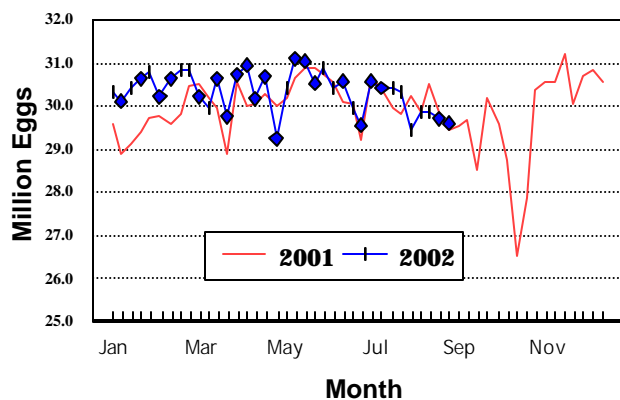
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 7, 2002, up slightly from the same period last year, but down fractionally from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Aug. 3	24,691	24,227	98	25,245	25,242	100	29,819	30,322	102
Aug.	24,142	23,510	97	24,975	25,045	100	30,204	29,454	98
Aug.	23,905	24,158	101	24,749	25,003	101	29,880	29,877	100
Aug.	25,069	23,964	96	24,436	24,832	102	30,519	29,869	98
Aug.	24,256	23,913	99	24,889	24,211	97	29,887	29,734	99
Sep. 7	22,787	23,546	103	24,665	24,487	99	29,469	29,592	100

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001-2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	17-Aug	24-Aug	31-Aug	07-Sep		03-Aug	10-Aug	17-Aug	24-Aug	31-Aug	07-Sep	
Alabama	29,380 *	29,028	29,353	28,871	105	22,469	22,225	22,570	22,617	21,576	22,466	103
ARKANSAS	29,877 *	29,869	29,734	29,592	100	24,227	23,510	24,158	23,964	23,913 *	23,546	103
Delaware	3,543	3,451	3,421	3,480	98	5,248	4,883	5,696	4,806	5,511 *	5,394	105
Florida	2,280	2,250	2,101	2,166	100	2,334	2,312	2,111	2,136	2,126	2,222	97
Georgia	31,137	31,518	31,553	32,029	103	26,372	25,785	25,824	25,541	25,827	25,660	100
Kentucky	6,663	6,861	6,493 *	6,290	99	5,460	5,510	5,347	5,361	5,384 *	5,459	103
Maryland	9,927	9,862	10,049	8,952	97	5,326	6,251	5,749	6,291	6,255 *	6,270	112
Mississippi	18,865	18,706	18,516	18,560	105	16,020	15,657	15,854	15,989	15,956	15,940	101
N. Carolina	18,373 *	17,969	17,740	18,074	108	14,934	14,366	14,629	15,099	14,679	14,700	103
Oklahoma	6,707	6,697	6,663	6,685	106	4,936	5,014	3,941	4,751	4,143	4,742	96
Pennsylvania	3,753	3,759	3,656 *	3,722	107	2,775	2,801	2,680	2,774	2,739 *	2,770	101
S. Carolina	4,979	5,070	4,864	4,925	99	3,400	4,005	4,286	3,786	4,118	3,827	97
Texas	14,554 *	13,531 *	14,350 *	15,198	107	11,729	11,658 *	11,633 *	11,731 *	11,155 *	11,426	101
Virginia	6,145	6,300	6,354	6,342	98	5,846	5,671	4,722	5,419	4,613 *	4,611	81
CALAMO,TN,WV	19,929	19,783	19,384 *	19,227	103	18,559	18,508 *	18,284 *	17,965 *	18,754 *	18,959	95
Total 2002	206,112 *	204,654 *	204,231 *	204,113		169,635	168,156 *	167,484 *	168,230 *	166,749 *	167,992	
Total 2001	207,243	207,346	204,622	198,093		167,418	168,196	165,060	167,386	165,420	167,090	
% Prev. Year	99	99	100	103		101	100	101	101	101	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002.....						21-Sep	28-Sep	05-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 204 million eggs during the week ending September 7, 2002. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 7, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 7, 2002 were 6.11 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.